

[27th February 1928]

Mr. V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI:—"May I know when the report will be ready?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"I cannot as yet say when it will be ready."

Grants to the Sanskrit and Arabic schools and colleges in this Presidency.

* 1525 Q.—MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the name of and the amount of grant given by the Government to each of the Sanskrit and Arabic schools and colleges in this Presidency; and
(b) the subject or books taught in these schools and colleges and also the authority or agency supervising them?

A.—(a) The hon. Member is referred to the subsidiary tables attached to Volume II of the Annual Report on Public Instruction in the Madras Presidency.

(b) (i) *Subject or books taught in Arabic and Sanskrit institutions.*—

The Madrasa-i-Islamiah, Kurnool, is the only Arabic College in the Presidency which is recognized by the Madras University. It prepares students for the Oriental Title examinations, and the courses of study and the books prescribed for these examinations are specified in the Madras University Calendar. There are no recognized Arabic schools and consequently no courses of study have been prescribed for them.

Sanskrit schools, recognized and aided, are classified into three grades—collegiate, advanced and elementary. The courses of study in the collegiate institutions provide for the needs of the Oriental Title examinations of the University. The subjects of study in advanced and elementary schools are regulated by a curriculum issued by the Director of Public Instruction.

(ii) *Authority or agency supervising Arabic and Sanskrit institutions.*—The Arabic College at Kurnool is not inspected by any officer of the Educational Department. The Deputy Inspector of Muhammadan Schools, Kurnool, has paid visits to it.

Sanskrit schools and colleges are controlled and inspected by the Superintendent of Sanskrit Schools with the assistance of two supervisors.

Mr. MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB:—"With reference to the answer to clause (b), may I know why steps have not been taken to inspect the Arabic College at Kurnool?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"I am not an Arabic Scholar."

Conduct of the speed examination in Type-writing at Kumbakonam in 1927.

* 1526 Q.—Mr. S. MUTTAYYA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that in the speed examination in Type-writing candidates are generally allowed to insert the blank paper in the machines and type the names of the machines and the candidates before the appointed time;